

MITCHELL HOUSE, FLORENCE
DOUGLAS CO., NEBRASKA.

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
WM. L. STEELE, DISTRICT OFFICER
2236 ST. MARY'S AVE., OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

Florence was formerly a suburb of Omaha, but is now a part of the City of Omaha. Florence is a point where the Mormons stopped on their way to Utah.

The Mitchell House was built in 1848. It has a first story of native brick on a native stone foundation. The construction and finish is typical of that period as applied to the better buildings. It will be noted that the site is a rather large area, and everywhere are found evidences of appreciative ownership. The gardens were laid out in terraces with brick walls, steps and walks. A large pine tree was preserved and built around when the verandas were laid out. The two smaller houses were evidently servant's quarters and indicate that slavery gained a foothold along the Missouri River in Nebraska. The site is in the area occupied by the Mormon emigrants and Brigham Young is said to have lived in this house for a short time.

Dr. W. L. Ross, the present owner, was born in this house; has lived in it over seventy years and now owns it and occupies it.

Chas. W. Steinbaugh